NIS COMITIEE MEETING NO. 74

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1. The following were present:

Mr. Fletcher Mr. Clinton Lt. Col. Kiel Cdr. Howell Lt. Gdr. Mutt Mr. Strickland State
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- 2. The Chairman emphasized the definitive nature of COMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES. He pointed out the importance of giving the specific dates of the principal sources, indicating specifically which portions of the body of the section each principal source supports, and commenting clearly on the credibility of each principal source. This definite information is necessary to enable the near to judge effectively the reliability of the intelligence in the section and to assist the collector in correcting this intelligence and filling gaps therein.
- 3. The Armed Forces Agencies have expressed inability to devote much attention at this time to the NIS Program because of the impact upon their agencies of the current situation in the Far East. The Chairman urged, however, that, in view of the fact that there are a number of sections now in Production Phases 4 and 5, the reviewing groups in the agencies continue their activities and get at least these sections in to D/NIS. The Army, Navy, and Air Forse members generally agreed that the reviewing groups were the ones most accutely affected by the Far Eastern situation. The gist of their comments was as follows:
 - a. Army. The NIS has not been placed on a lower priority but a spate of ad hog requests has been given a transcendent priority. Many of these ad hog requests have to be handled by those whose duty it is to review NIS contributions, with the result that these personnel have little time to devote to the latter task. The situation may be alleviated by calling to active duty qualified reserve officers. Production of NIS by the Technical Services has not been greatly affected.

b. Navy. Most of Navy's personnel who reviewed MIS have been placed on other duties. Navy can continue to produce WIS material on marine climate and oceanography. Material currently being produced in response to ad hoc requests for basic intelligence on

coasts and landing beaches, shipbuilding, and naval forces can be utilized later for the NIS.

e. Air Force. Practically all Air Force personnel formerly engaged in producing MIS are now occupied with ad hoc requests and current intelligence.

- 4. It was announced that, by Presidential order, the allocation of responsibility for preparing Subsections 620 (Petroleum) and Supplements V (Petroleum) has reverted from the Munitions Board Petroleum Coumittee (MBFC) to the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior. D/NIS will make working level arrangements for the reversion. State will give production directions. The arrangements made to have the Corps of Engineers furnish MBPC data on petroleum pipelines should be confirmed for the Bureau of Mines.
- 5. It was requested that members individually pass to D/RIS any general. comments they may wish to make regarding the effects on the NIS Program of the reduction in staffs of US Service attachés abroad.
- 6. Members were requested to notify D/NIS of any additional requirements of their agencies for the MIS Preliminary Gazetteer on Korea. Plates from which the Gazetteer was printed are being held in the event additional requirements should warrant a re-run.
- 7. It was decided to suspend action on requesting the Joint Chiefs of Staff to direct FECOM to prepare parts of in the field. Drafts 25X6A of memoranda designed to implement this respect were, however, tentatively approved. It was decided that Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) could better be produced in Washington than in The Air Force member is to verify the fact that Section 23 (Weather and Climate) can also be better produced in Washington than in many and notify D/NIS.
 - 8. Members read the first draft of the D/NIS Annual Report on the NIS Program. They are to notify D/NIS of the requirements of their agencies for copies of this report when it is finally reproduced.
 - 9. The mext meeting will be held at the cell of the Chairman, probably at the Pentagon.

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